

I am deeply troubled by the current proposed legislation to increase FCC fines to broadcasters and to fine individuals as personally responsible for the content broadcast.

I am appalled at the use of the FCC to trample the rights of free speech in this country and to censor dialog and viewpoints that may not be flattering to our administration. There are no reasonable checks and balances in place to give the broadcasters a fair chance to respond to the FCC or have any type of court hearing or trial. This leaves the system, broadcasters and the public at the whim of whatever administration is on power. I am incredulous at the subjective and arbitrary way in which the existing rules are now being applied to single out high profile cases and prosecute broadcasters and personalities for things that have been allowed on-air for over a decade. When cable has such far reach into our society it is also completely arbitrary for the FCC to closely monitor the networks and radio stations while cable and satellite radio have almost no government intervention. This whole unnecessary system is unfairly balanced in-favor of cable stations and the only reason the FCC is involved is to justify the continued existence of a bloated and outdated bureaucracy. Let people take personal responsibility for what they and their families listen to and watch. Let the market decide what content is acceptable. If you must interfere in the free market system of ideas and commerce then simply ask broadcasters to provide simple content labeling or warnings for specific shows - including on the radio if needed.